

FOREST FIRES.

Much Damage to Timber in Northern Washington.

Hundreds of Acres of Timber and Many Ranches Laid Waste.

No Loss of Life Reported, But Many Narrow Escapes—The Loss in the Counties of Whitcomb and Skagit Will Approximate One Million Dollars.

WHITCOMB, Wash., Aug. 12.—Through-out the past week forest fires have raged in the heavily timbered sections of the northern part of the state. In the counties of Whitcomb and Skagit hundreds of acres of valuable timber and many ranches have been laid waste. No loss of life has been reported, but there have been many narrow escapes. The actual loss of property is large, approximating a million dollars in the two counties but the suffering of the ruined settlers exceeds the money loss. The town of Mount Vernon, Skagit county, has been visited and the shingle mill of Lodge & Mitchell, four residences and the plank sidewalks of the town burned. At Montborne, near-by, the dry house, ware house and a million and a half of shingles were burned. The fires on Fidalgo island have been extensive. Halton, Skagit county; Prairie, Whitcomb county; Laurence, Whitcomb county and other places all suffered losses. The fire is now spreading in the direction of LaConner, Skagit county. Every one is praying for rain, but no sign of it appears.

Reports from Anacortes, Wash., says as a result of the protracted dry weather the most extensive forest fires in years are prevailing on Whidby and Camano islands and many farms have been ruined.

RAILROAD DISASTER.

A Locomotive and Part of a Train Drops Into the River—Three Men Lose Their Lives.

SPRINGFIELD, O., Aug. 12.—The Ohio Southern railroad had one of the worst wrecks in its history Sunday afternoon at Paint river, forty miles south of here. At this point there is a two-span bridge over the river. A west-bound coal train of thirty-five cars struck the bridge, which had been considered perfectly safe. The structure gave way in both spans, and the engine dropped twenty-five feet into the water, which at that point is about thirty feet deep.

The coal cars followed the engine until twenty had piled up in the river. The remainder of the train had by this time become checked and remained on the track. Engineer Clint Radcliffe, Fireman Martin Houser and Brakeman Wm. Hincos, who were all in the cab when the bridge collapsed, went down without a moment's warning with the iron monster and were drowned. They are at present buried in the river under about 400 tons of coal. They all lived here. The remainder of the crew escaped. In connection with the catastrophe it is reported that four tramps, who were stealing a ride, went down to death with the train.

A Battle With Outlaws.

PERRY, O. T., Aug. 12.—Ben Cravens and Bill Crittenden, the latter a half-breed Cherokee, two of the most desperate men in the territory, who were arrested by Marshal Nix a few days ago and placed in jail here, escaped from the prison at an early hour Sunday morning by sawing the bars.

A posse of twenty men were organized and started after the fugitives. They were overtaken at noon and a battle ensued, in which Cravens was killed. Crittenden made his escape.

No Talmage Sermon.

NEW YORK, Aug. 12.—Owing to the recent sad bereavement of Rev. DeWitt Talmage he did not prepare a sermon for Sunday, the second time he has failed in his ministerial career, covering more than 40 years, to address on Sunday a congregation from the pulpit or through the press.

Bad for the Kellars.

BLOOMINGDALE, Ind., Aug. 12.—Justice Penny held for trial Daniel Kellar, his wife and sister, Nancy, for the murder of Miss Clara Shanks, the beautiful young girl found dead a few weeks ago at Wolf Creek falls. The theory of the prosecution is that Miss Shanks was murdered in the Kellar house. It was proved that Mrs. Kellar threatened Miss Shanks.

Three More Bodies Recovered.

NEW YORK, Aug. 12.—Three more bodies of the workmen who perished in the collapse of the building being erected at West Broadway and Third street, were recovered from the ruins between midnight Saturday night and 8 o'clock Sunday evening. They were all in such a mutilated and decomposed state as to be practically unrecognizable.

An Old Soldier Killed.

MARION, Ind., Aug. 12.—Thomas Null, aged sixty, an inmate of the Soldiers' home, was struck by an electric car and received fatal injuries; his skull and right leg were crushed. Null was intoxicated, and fell under the wheels of a passing car.

Beat Her Stepson.

HUNTINGTON, W. Va., Aug. 12.—Mrs. James Vendrick was fined for brutally beating her 7-year-old stepson. The child has been in the country with relatives and when it returned, she rushed upon it and beat it terribly. Husband and wife have parted.

Sues an Heiress for Breach of Promise. NEW YORK, Aug. 12.—Frederick Sietel has entered suit against Albertina K. Mooney for \$25,000 damages for breach of promise to marry him. The defendant is an heiress and is now living at Baltimore.

Burn and Contents Ruined.

WABASH, Ind., Aug. 12.—James Kuba, near Wabash, lost \$2,000 by the burning of his barn. Eighteen hundred bushels of grain, three calves and some pigs were consumed.

SUNDAY'S GAMES.

The Chicagoans Beat the Louisville—Cincinnati and St. Louis Tied in the Seventh Inning.

Innings.....1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9—P.H.E.
Chicago.....1 0 2 0 0 0 0 0 0—7 4 1
Louisville.....0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0—1 6 1
Batteries—Warner and Cunningham; Donohue and Griffith. Umpire—O'Day.

Innings.....1 2 3 4 5 6 7—P.H.E.
Cincinnati.....0 0 3 0 0 4 0—7 8 2
St. Louis.....0 0 2 0 0 4 0—7 10 1
Earned Runs—Cincinnati 3, St. Louis 6.
Two-base Hits—McPhee and Gray. Three-base Hits—Miller (Cincinnati), Quinn and Dowd. Bases on Balls—McPhee, Dwyer and Quinn. Double Plays—Smith and Ewing; Ely, Pettz and Otten. Time—1:34. Umpire—McDonald.

Saturday's Games.

Boston 13, Washington 1; Brooklyn 2, Philadelphia 6; Pittsburgh 4, Louisville 1; Baltimore 6, New York 5.

Standing of the National League.

Clubs Won Lost P.C. Clubs Won Lost P.C.
Cleveland.....37 37 610 Philadelphia.....49 39 531
Pittsburgh.....36 39 700 New York.....46 41 523
Baltimore.....35 39 700 Brooklyn.....42 37 517
Boston.....40 29 577 Washington.....28 53 540
Cincinnati.....49 28 563 St. Louis.....23 54 314
Chicago.....53 49 563 Louisville.....22 55 352

Western League.

Innings.....1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9—P.H.E.
Indianapolis.....0 1 0 0 0 1 0 0—1 4 9
Terre Haute.....1 0 0 0 0 0 2 0—3 5 1
Batteries—Fisher and McFarland; Gear and Roach. Umpire—Sheridan.

Innings.....1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9—P.H.E.
St. Paul.....2 2 0 1 2 3 0 2—13 14 1
Minneapolis.....1 0 1 0 1 1 4 2 0—10 15 2
Batteries—Pepper and Kraus; Frazer, Fanning and Wilson. Umpire—Hayes.

Innings.....1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9—P.H.E.
Kansas City.....3 0 0 0 0 1 1 4—9 10 1
Milwaukee.....1 0 0 1 0 1 0 1 2—8 8 4
Batteries—Hastings and Bergen; Stephens and Moran. Umpire—Cushman.

Innings.....1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9—P.H.E.
Grand Rapids.....2 0 2 1 2 0 0 1—8 10 6
Detroit.....0 1 1 0 1 0 0 0—3 6 12
Batteries—Jones and Nie Gayle and Tinscham. Umpire—McDonald.

A \$500,000 FIRE.

The Central Stamping Works at Newark, N. J., Destroyed.

NEW YORK, Aug. 12.—One of the most destructive fires that has visited Newark, N. J., in many years occurred Sunday afternoon in the extensive works of the Central Stamping Co. The total loss is estimated at \$500,000. The Central Stamping Co. is the Newark branch of the Tin trust, which has offices in this city and manufacturing plants in St. Louis and other cities. The fire originated in the center of the main building, gained great headway and soon the whole main building was a mass of flames. Cinders fell thickly on neighboring roofs and men with buckets of water and hose were kept busy putting out incipient fires. Finally the walls of the main building fell in, several firemen having narrow escapes. The fire swept through the brick extensions and adjoining buildings belonging to the plant and completely ruined them. Several frame buildings near the works were crushed in by falling walls. Fireman John Vanhouten was badly burned by burning tar. James Packer, who was on the roof of his house putting out the sparks, was also badly burned. The firm had a large stock on hand, the works having been running on full time, and the buildings were full of valuable patented machinery. The insurance amounts to \$250,000. The cause of the fire is unknown. About 450 hands are employed in the buildings.

STORM AT BALTIMORE.

St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church Demolished and Other Property Damaged.

BALTIMORE, Aug. 12.—A wind storm of cyclonic proportions, accompanied by a heavy downpour of rain and hail, visited this city Sunday afternoon. Houses were unroofed, trees uprooted, windows smashed, telegraph, telephone and trolley wires broken and other damage done. The most serious damage done was the demolition of St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church, in course of erection on East Baltimore street, opposite Patterson park.

The losses so far reported will amount to upwards of \$20,000. Just before the rain began the mercury at the weather observatory made a record-breaking drop of nine degrees in one minute. The highest temperature during the day was reached just before the storm broke, when 96 degrees were recorded.

HARMONY SOCIETY.

They Celebrate Their Ninety-First Harvest Home Day at Economy, Pa.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Aug. 12.—The Harmony society celebrated its ninety-first harvest home day at Economy Sunday. Of the original members living of the once wealthy society only two were present to-day. There has been much dissension in the ranks of late, owing to the opposition against senior trustee Duss.

One of the features Sunday was a concert given by trustee Duss' band. One of the selections rendered was "The G. A. R. in Dixie, or North and South," dedicated to the coming encampment at Louisville, Ky. The march was so popular that the visitors were not satisfied until it had been rendered three times. Mr. Duss is the composer.

Attempted Wife Murder and Suicide.

HUNTINGTON, W. Va., Aug. 12.—John Riffe, an elderly and esteemed citizen, tried to shoot his wife Sunday night while laboring under mental derangement. When disarmed and placed in a room to await the arrival of officers, he cut his throat with a razor and can not recover.

Fire at Baltimore.

BALTIMORE, Aug. 12.—The buildings, stock and machinery of the fertilizer manufacturing firm of Joshua Horner, Jr. & Co., were damaged by fire Sunday to the extent of \$70,000; insurance about \$50,000. Cause unknown.

Pearls in Flat Rock.

SHELBYVILLE, Ind., Aug. 12.—Several hundred dollars' worth of fine pearls were found this last week in Flat Rock river, near St. Louis crossing, by fishermen. Frank Brooks discovered one which is valued at \$40.

Church Destroyed by Lightning. KENT, O., Aug. 12.—The Methodist church at Sterling was struck by lightning and burned Sunday afternoon.

OVER THE SEA.

The Queen's Speech on the Opening of Parliament.

Hon. Charles F. Crisp and Son Rusticating in England.

Ex-Secretary B. F. Tracy and Party Making a Tour of the Continent—Hon. T. F. Bayard to Make the Annual Address to the Philosophical Society.

Special Cable Letter.

LONDON, Aug. 12.—The presence among the English royal family of the Arch-Duchess Stephanie, widow of the late Crown Prince Rudolph, of Austria, at the emperor's tea party or board the Hohenzollern on the Rhine, is looked upon as disproving the assertion that the arch-duchess came to Cowes in opposition to the express desire of the queen, who did not wish that the kaiser should meet the widow of his old friend, Crown Prince Rudolph. Emperor William's desire to vary the society of pleasure seekers with that of a statesman meant a bad day for Lord Salisbury, who is notoriously a poor sailor. The weather happened to be wet and stormy when his lordship crossed the Solent and he evidently was desperately ill. Upon landing at East Cowes he was unable to return the greetings of the members of the Queen's household or to acknowledge the cheers of the crowd that had gathered upon the pier.

The queen's speech for the opening of parliament on August 12 will be a bare and formal document unless reference is made in it to foreign affairs. Yet persons in a position to be well informed on the subject say the speech will not refer to Armenia or China, and that if any foreign affairs are mentioned they will be those in connection with Africa.

Debate in reply to the speech from the throne will begin on August 13, but the time between the opening and that date will be occupied in administering the oath to the members, who will be sworn in in batches.

Hon. Charles F. Crisp, of Georgia, ex-speaker of the United States house, accompanied by his son, has been in England for ten days. Mr. Crisp proposes to remain to witness the election of the speaker of the house of commons and will depart on the 13th for Paris, where he will sojourn for a week. Mr. Crisp was born in Sheffield in 1845 during a visit of his parents to England, and this is virtually his first trip abroad since his parents returned with him to America.

Ex-Secretary of the U. S. Navy B. F. Tracy and his daughter, Mrs. Wilmerding, and Miss Wilmerding, are now in London, after having made a general tour of the continent. They will go to Scotland next week and will sail for home on August 31. The ex-secretary is enthusiastic over the performance of the American cruiser Columbia, which was built and launched during his administration of the navy department.

Hon. Thomas F. Bayard, the United States ambassador at London, has accepted the invitation to deliver the annual address to the Edinburgh Philosophical Society in November. The invitation to deliver the address is the highest literary honor in Great Britain. Among those who have made the address in previous years are the Right Hon. John Morley, late chief secretary for Ireland, and Right Hon. A. J. Balfour, first lord of the treasury.

On the passenger list of the steamer New York which sailed from Southampton for New York Saturday, appear the names of Mr. W. W. Rockhill, third assistant secretary of state of the United States, who was sent to London as a delegate to the recent international geographical congress; Gen. A. W. Greeley, head of the United States signal service, who read a paper before the congress on "The Scope and Value of Arctic Exploration," and Col. Henry Shaines, president of the American Railway association, who attended as a delegate the international railway congress recently held here. Prof. Garner, who, some time ago, visited Africa with the purpose of attempting to learn the language of monkeys, started for Paris Saturday en route for the Gaboon.

MORTON CRITICISED.

A Peculiar Point Made Against the Secretary of Agriculture.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12.—Some of the "financial experts" in the treasury department are disposed to criticize J. Sterling Morton, secretary of agriculture, for establishing the precedent of paying one of the officials of his department his monthly salary in silver dollars. The point made against the secretary by the "guardians of the gold reserve in the treasury" is that if all the employees of the government should be permitted to exercise their discretion as to the kind of money they shall receive on the 1st and 15th of every month, nine-tenths of them would surely demand gold, and thus the gold reserve would soon be wiped out. It is estimated that \$15,000,000 a year is paid out of the treasury for salaries in Washington. If these clerks who love gold should be guided by the precedent set by Secretary Morton the joke would probably be on the secretary of agriculture.

Suicide in a Bath.

GRAFTON, W. Va., Aug. 12.—A man giving the name of Crouse, and jailed here charged with burglarizing a store at Webster, suicided by drowning in a bathtub. When arrested his underclothing was found padded with new neckties.

The Cincinnati on Patrol Duty.

NEWPORT, R. I., Aug. 12.—The cruiser Cincinnati has been detached from the North American squadron, and orders were given her to proceed to Key West, to relieve the cruiser Atlanta, now stationed there.

CONDENSED NEWS

Gathered From all Parts of the Country by Telegraph.

It is officially announced at Moscow that the coronation of Czar Nicholas II. will probably take place in April.

The racing spars of the Valkyrie III. were on the steamer Furnessia, which arrived Sunday afternoon from Glasgow.

Mr. Karel, American consul-general at St. Petersburg, has been given leave of absence and has started for Washington. Vice Consul Magnus received his exequatur Friday.

A dispatch from Cologne says that Freinerr Stumm-Halberg, a member of the German reichstag, has been sentenced to a fortnight's imprisonment in a fortress for having issued a challenge to a duel.

Col. W. B. Wright, one of the most prominent members of the Texas bar, died at his home in San Antonio, Tex. Col. Wright served in the confederate congress, and was afterward made major on Jeff Davis' staff.

John Teemer, ex-champion oarsman, and Harry Parker, the champion of St. Louis, signed articles for a match at Creve Coeur lake August 18. The race is over a three-mile course with one turn. Teemer allows Parker ten seconds.

The result of the last election held in Orkney and Shetland was announced Saturday. Sir L. Lyall, the liberal candidate, who sat in the last parliament, was elected by a majority of 781, defeating Mr. R. W. Fullerton, liberal unionist.

The August report of the statistician of the department of agriculture shows a reduction in the condition of cotton during the month of July from 33.3 to 77.9, or 4.4 points. This is the lowest average for August ever reported, being a half point lower than the average for August, 1893.

A dispatch from Foo Chow says that the infant child of Rev. R. W. and Mrs. Stewart, both of whom were among the victims who lost their lives in the massacre near Kucheng, has died from the effects of the injuries inflicted by the murderers of its parents and has been buried at Foo Chow.

At Hagerstown, Md., M. P. Moller's organ works were completely destroyed by fire Saturday morning. The building was two stories, brick and covered an acre of ground. One hundred Reed organs, valued at \$80 each, were destroyed, along with a \$2,500 pipe organ for the Lutheran church at Quincy, O. The loss is estimated at \$30,000; insurance slight. Fifty employees lost their tools.

Weather Forecast for Monday, Aug. 13. WASHINGTON, Aug. 12.—Kentucky—Fair, except showers in the interior region of eastern portions; variable winds.

Ohio—Generally fair, except showers in extreme east portion; warmer; westerly winds.

Indiana—Fair, warmer; southerly winds.

THE MARKETS.

CINCINNATI, Aug. 12.

WHEAT—Spring patent sold at \$2.05, while some brands are held as high as \$2.30. Spring fancy is held at \$3.00; 2400; spring family at \$2.00; 2415 and winter, patent \$3.00; 2430. Winter family sold at \$2.00; 2430. Extra at \$2.00; 2430 and low grades at \$2.00; 2430.

WHEAT—Sales: No. 2 winter red, 70c. One car sold by sample at 60c and two cars rejected at 60c on track.

CORN—No. 2 white at 44c; No. 3 yellow at 43c; No. 4 mixed at 43c; yellow ear at 43c; mixed ear at 43c.

OATS—No. 3 white sold at 21c; rejected white, 20c; No. 2 mixed, 20c; mixed by sample (switched), 20c; No. 3 mixed, 21c; old No. 2 mixed, 23c.

RYE—No. 2 sold early at 45c on track, but later there was a sale of this grade at 47c on track.

CATTLE—Market steady. Fair to good shipper's, \$4.50; 2400; extra, \$4.75; 2425; choice butchers', \$4.00; 2400; medium butchers', \$3.50; 2400; low grades, \$3.00; 2400.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Sheep—Market quiet. Extras, \$3.00; 2400; good to choice mixed, \$2.25; 2400; common to fair, \$1.00; 2400. Lambs—Market steady. Extras, \$4.75; 2400; good to choice, \$3.75; 2400; common to fair, \$2.25; 2400.

HOGS—Market strong; fairly active. Select shippers', 20c to 25c the average; \$4.00; butchers', \$4.00; 2400; packers', \$4.75; 2400; good light, \$3.00; 2400; common and rough, \$4.25; 2400.

VEAL CALVES—Market weak and 25c lower. Fair to good light, \$4.75; 2400; extra, \$5.75; common and large, \$3.00; 2400.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Aug. 10. CATTLE—Market steady at unchanged prices. Hogs—The supply is light but the demand only fair and the market slow to-day. Prime light, \$5.00; 2400; medium weight, \$3.00; 2400; heavy, \$3.00; 2400; common to fair Yorkers, \$3.00; 2400; rough, \$2.50; 2400.

SHEEP—Market slow at unchanged prices. BALTIMORE, Aug. 12. WHEAT—No. 2 red spot and August, 69c; 2400; September, 70c; 2400; December, 73c; 2400; January, 74c; 2400.

CORN—Mixed spot, 46c; 2400; August, 46c; 2400; September, 47c; 2400; January, 48c; 2400. OATS—No. 2 western, 25c; 2400; No. 2 mixed, 26c; 2400.

TOLEDO, O., Aug. 12. WHEAT—No. 2 red cash and August, 74c; 2400; September, 75c; 2400; December, 76c; 2400; cash, 78c.

CORN—No. 2 mixed cash, 42c; No. 2 yellow, 42c; No. 3, 40c; 2400. OATS—No. 3 white, cash, 24c; No. 3, 22c; 2400; No. 2 cash, 40c; No. 3, 40c.

CLOVER—October, 65c; 2400; December, 61c. CHICAGO, Aug. 12. Calls on September wheat opened 69c, advanced 5c; last price 69c; puts opened 30c, last price 30c.

NEW YORK, Aug. 12. FLOUR—Fair to fancy, \$3.00; 2400; do patent, \$3.00; 2400; Minnesota clear, \$2.25; 2400; city mills, \$2.00; 2400; do patents, \$2.00; 2400; city mills, \$2.00; 2400; do patents, \$2.00; 2400.

WHEAT—No. 2 red, spot and elevator, 72c; 2400; float, 73c; 2400; elevator, 74c; 2400; float, 75c; 2400; No. 2 white, 24c; 2400; No. 3 white, 22c; 2400; mixed western, 23c; 2400; white do, 23c; 2400; white state, 23c; 2400.

CATTLE—Light steers, \$4.00; 2400; common light to good fat bulls, \$1.75; 2400; extra, \$3.00; 2400; 160; veals, \$3.75; 2400; light hogs, \$3.00; 2400; heavy hogs, \$3.00; 2400; mixed packers, \$3.00; 2400; good medium, \$3.00; 2400; good heavy, \$3.00; 2400; 10; pigs, \$2.50; 2400.

SHRIMP—Good to choice mixed sheep, \$3.00; 2400; light and common, \$2.50; 2400; exports over, ewes, \$3.25; 2400; good mixed, \$3.75; 2400; Lambs—Good to choice, \$4.75; 2400; few any here; light to fair, \$3.00; 2400.

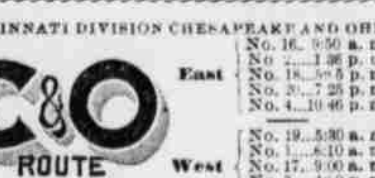
INDIANAPOLIS, Aug. 12. CATTLE—Good to choice, \$3.75; 2400; medium good, \$3.00; 2400; common, \$2.50; 2400. HOGS—Choice medium and heavy, \$4.00; 2400; mixed, \$3.00; 2400; choice to good, \$3.00; 2400. SHRIMP—Receipts light shipments light; market dull as yesterday's prices.



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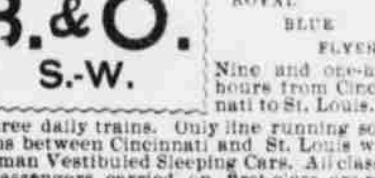
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